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respectively, said second shaping surface areas being curved,

said ring mold [is] being maintained spaced from said curved

second shaping surface areas while vacuum is developed in said

opposite side second suction chambers [and said], opposite side

areas of the sheet of glass [are bent toward] being attracted and  
bent against the curved second shaping surface areas.

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6. (amended) A method according to claim [2] 5,

wherein said sheet of glass has opposite side areas and a central

area therebetween, and wherein said opposite side areas of the  
sheet of glass are bent successively [and gradually] from the  
central to the side areas.

7. (amended) A method according to claim [2] 10,

wherein said shaping [surfaces] surface areas further comprise a  
metal or glass cloth covering.

8. (amended) A method according to claim [2] 10,

wherein the sheet of glass is substantially planar prior to  
attracting [to said suction chambers] it against the shaping  
surface areas.

Please cancel claim 9.

Kindly add claim 10 as follows:

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10. (new) A method of bending a sheet of glass heated nearly to a softening point thereof with a suction mold including first and second suction chambers having respective first and second shaping surface areas, comprising the steps of:

placing the sheet of glass on a ring mold;

lowering said suction mold toward said ring mold to an extent that the shaping surface areas come close to the sheet of glass on said ring mold;

developing a first vacuum in said first suction chamber at a first time to attract and bend the sheet of glass against the first shaping surface area and then developing a second vacuum in said second suction chamber at a second time to attract and bend the sheet of glass against the second shaping surface area, said first time being before said second time so that the sheet of glass is successively brought against the first and second shaping surface areas; and

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